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March 13, 2014

James Olivier, Plant Manager  
PQ Corporation  
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Michael R. Boyce, CEO  
PQ Corporation  
P.O. Box 840  
Valley Forge, PA  
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**Re: Notice of Violations and Intent to File Suit Under the Federal Water  
Pollution Control Act**

Dear Mr. Olivier and Mr. Boyce:

I am writing on behalf of California Communities Against Toxics ("CCAT") in regard to violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (the "Clean Water Act" or "Act") that CCAT believes are occurring at PQ Corporation's industrial facility located at 8401 Quartz Ave. in South Gate, California ("Facility"). CCAT is a non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to working with communities to advocate for environmental justice and pollution prevention. CCAT has members living in the community adjacent to the Facility and the Los Angeles River Watershed. CCAT and its members are deeply concerned with protecting the environment in and around their communities, including the Los Angeles River Watershed. This letter is being sent to you as the responsible owners, officers, or operators of the Facility (all recipients are hereinafter collectively referred to as "PQ Corp").

This letter addresses PQ Corp's unlawful discharge of pollutants from the Facility through the Los Angeles County municipal storm sewer system into the Los Angeles River. The Facility is discharging storm water pursuant to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit No. CA S000001, State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") Order No. 92-12-DWQ as amended by Order No. 97-03-DWQ (hereinafter "General Permit"). The WDID identification number for the Facility listed on documents submitted to the Regional

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